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Mario R. Mattera

## Senator Mattera Working With EJ'S PJS To Collect Pajamas To Help Local Families

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Senator Mario R. Mattera (2<sup>nd</sup> Senate District) has joined with **EJ'S PJS** to help their annual pajama drive. Senator Mattera's office will be collecting new and unused pajamas for young children and teens to ensure that everyone has the supplies they need to enjoy the holidays in comfort.

EJ's PJs has made its mission over the past 11 years to collect and distribute pajamas to the children and teens who need them the most. Started by Patricia Poggi, the effort is inspired by her three sons Edward, Jeremy and Patrick and involves the entire family and the local

community. It grew out of the family's holiday tradition of "Poggi Plaid Pajamas" when they decided as a family that they wanted to share their warm and happy feeling with those in need.

Now an annual event, it started with a simple bin on the family porch to including organizations with drop-off boxes. Their goal last year was to gather over 1,000 pajamas and they are working with everyone to make sure this year is the best yet.

"I am proud to partner with EJ's PJs and the Poggi family to help deliver the warmth of the holidays to everyone. I thank Patricia and the boys for all they have done and invite everyone who is able to visit my office to donate. Let's make sure that all of our children and teens have what they need," stated Senator Mattera.

**Anyone who would like to donate is invited to visit Senator Mattera's district office at 180 East Main Street, Suite 210, in Smithtown. Donations will be accepted from now through Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> during regular business hours.**